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Dear Mr. Silver,

I'm sorry I must begin with apologies. I'm 81, feeble and limited in what I am able to do, and the student I got to retype the rough draft enclosed was inexperienced. My typing and my writing when I hold a clipboard with one hand and write in the air with the other. ~~And~~ Actually, not able to use a computer, use a typewriter that can no longer be repaired.

However, I do not make any apologies for my work since you first mentionedd the first in 1966. Nobody has ~~ye~~ written or phoned to complain that I treated him unfairly and no significant error has been shown in any of my books and the number of small ones is impressively small. I am the only one whose books contain no theories at all.

While pub date of Case Open is some time this month, the book has been on sale for about a month and I've not heard a word from Posner.

In writing the enclosed I hoped that there might be a magazine that could devote the space to it. However, I also had in mind what might make cutting easier, as I hope you'll see.

I'm pleased that you remember my work. It has grown quite a bit. Aside from my own work it includes about a third of a million pages of once-withheld official records that I make freely available to all writing in the field knowing, as I do, that I'll not agree with what they'll write. Posner spent three days in them and the time limit was his, not mine. He, as do all others, also had unsupervised access to our copier. This will forever be true, there will always be free access to all of it. It will all be a free public archive at local Hood College, an excellent small one with strong and traditional scholarly beliefs and practises.

Since the complications following arterial surgery in 1980 I have been spending the time that remains to me trying as best I can to perfect the record for our history. And I have since then gotten much onto paper. This means also that I rush too much and do not take time to polish because, and this is an oppressive fact, not a boast, I fear that when I die much may be lost on the subject forever. If you think this is some form of boast, ~~own~~ one of two professional historian friends who provide peer reviews as I write, is now on sabbatical and more likely to be near the phone and free. He is Dr. David Wrone, 1518 Blackberry Lane, Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715/344-8148. He is coauthor of the only professional bibliography in the field.

If this interests you, feel free to edit as you'd like as long as you do not change any meaning. I hope it does interest you. It is past time for a meaningful dialogue.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg

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